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Dear Mr. Medema,

I am a clinical therapist and social worker in a large hospital in Boise. I work with many people. As a professional practitioner the basis of my work with others is grounded in trust. Some months ago I attended a scoping meeting in Boise to present some of my own concerns about a treatment plant that burns and crushes nuclear and chemical waste. Since I am a therapist and not a physicist, I need to trust that the people who prepared the Draft EIS have done a good job.

I have not had time to read the DEIS. I have reviewed it. I have talked with people about it and I have listened to the comments of others. I know what my own concerns are:

1. Is this waste treatment really necessary?
2. What need is there for the preferred action if the WIPP does not open and operate?
3. Will the treated waste really be safer than it is now?
4. How do I know for a fact that my family and I will not be accidentally exposed to nuclear materials in the food, air or water?